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Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the third paragraph on page 2 starting at line 18 as follows.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

According to a first aspect of the present invention there is provided a kettle assembly for soup comprising a kettle part and a lid, characterised in that the kettle part comprises a cylindrical outer container and a cylindrical inner container fitting inside said outer container, said inner container having therein a vertical separating plate, such that at least two compartments are formed and that the lid is not attached to the kettle part by means of a hinge and wherein the lid comprises a hinge dividing the lid into two parts, such that each of the compartments of the inner container can be opened separately.

Please insert the following section on page 3 before the current first paragraph starting at line 1.

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 shows in front view a kettle assembly according to the invention.

Fig. 2 shows the outer container and lid of the kettle assembly of Fig. 1 in more detail.

Fig. 3 shows the inner container of the kettle assembly of Fig. 1 in more detail. --

Please amend the following current paragraph beginning on page 3 line 1 and continuing to page 4 line 18.

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DISCLOSURE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The kettle assembly of the present invention comprises a kettle part and a lid part. The kettle part comprises a cylindrical outer container and a cylindrical inner container fitting inside said outer container. The outer container preferably comprises two handles to facilitate lifting and moving of the kettle assembly. Inside the outer container, there is an inner container that can be easily removed from the outer container. Between the inner container and the outer container there is a gap, which serves as an insulating layer to keep the temperature of the soup constant. Preferably, the gap is filled with water, which is kept on a predetermined temperature by means of an electrical heating means in the bottom of the outer container. The electric heating means usefully comprise some form of control mechanism to keep the temperature at a pre-set value. It therefore employs a sensor means for determining the temperature of the water, usually indirectly, that is without direct contact between the sensor and the water. Such means may comprise a bi-metallic element the operative part of which is in communication with the interior of the outer container, usually through a vent in the container wall.

According to a second aspect of this invention, there is provided a process the simultaneous dispensing of more than one type of soup. It will be clear, given the differences in taste of the clients[[.]] that the chance of selling a portion of soup will readily increase if more than one type of soup can be offered to the clients. Furthermore, all clients in general will benefit from a wider choice of soups.

This invention will now be described in more detail with reference to the drawings showing embodiments according to the various aspects of this so invention. In the drawings: Fig. 1 shows in front view a kettle assembly according to the invention, Fig. 2 shows the outer container of the kettle assembly of Fig. 1 in more detail, Fig. 3 shows the inner container of the kettle assembly of Fig. 1 in more detail.

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In all the drawings like reference numerals designate like functional parts. Referring to **Figs. 1 to 3**, the kettle assembly for soup comprises a cylindrical outer container (1) and a cylindrical inner container (2) which fits inside said outer container. The inner container has fitted therein a vertical separating plate (3), such that at least two compartments are formed. Furthermore, the lid (4) comprises a hinge (5), such that each of the compartments of the inner container (2) can be opened separately.

Please insert the following new paragraph after the current second paragraph on page 4 ending at line 18.

-- With reference to Fig. 1, the lid (4) is not hingably attached to the kettle part which comprises the cylindrical outer container (1) and cylindrical inner container (2), i.e., the lid is not attached to either the cylindrical outer container or to the cylindrical inner container by means of any hinge. A hinge (5) divides the lid into two parts (8 and 8').

The lid (4) shown in Fig. 1 also includes three handles (9, 9' and 10). Handles (9) and (9') are located on lid parts (8) and (8') respectively and a third handle (10) is located over the hinge (5). --

Please amend the current third paragraph on page 4 beginning at line 20 as follows:

| Preferably, the outer container (1) possesses two handles (6) and (6') to facilitate lifting and moving of the kettle assembly for filling and/or cleaning.

Please add the following new paragraph on page 4 after the current third paragraph ending at line 22:

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-- With reference to Fig. 3, the cylindrical inner container (1) further includes a central member (11) positioned above the vertical separating plate (3), said central member separated from the vertical separating plate by a gap (12). --